

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent **4.565 ha** of forest land in erstwhile Bhadrachalam (North) Division and presently in Venkatapuram forest division for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of Structures in **Segment-25/16 (Duddulamma Gutta)** for providing safe drinking water **under** Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam-Final (Stage.II) approval - Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.12

Dated:14-05-2020

Read the following:-

1. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.03-01-2005.
2. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13-5-2011.
3. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.16-6-2011.
4. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.13.02.2014.
5. GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.07.11.2014.
6. GOI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, F.No.11-09/98-FC, dt.25.02.2016.
7. From the Prl. CCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.3501/2016/FCA-1/TS, dt.06-04-2017.
8. G.O.Rt.No.70, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt.12.05.2017.
9. GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28-03-2019.
10. From the PCCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.3501/2016/FCA-1, Dt.20.01.2020.

ORDER:

In the letter 7th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of forest land to an extent **4.565 ha** of forest land in erstwhile Bhadrachalam (North) Division and presently in Venkatapuram forest division for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of Structures in **Segment-25/16 (Duddulamma Gutta)** for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam.

2. In the G.O. 8th read above, Government have accorded approval **in-principle (Stage.I)** for the project as per the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, in the letters 1st to 6th read above, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 10th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated while according Stage. I approval for the project and requested to accord final approval for this project as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, in the letter 9th read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord **final (Stage.II)** approval to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad for diversion of forest land to an extent **4.565 ha** of forest land in erstwhile Bhadrachalam (North) Division and presently in Venkatapuram forest division for laying of Pipe Line and Construction of Structures in **Segment-25/16 (Duddulamma Gutta)** for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (iii) Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
- (iv) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable by the forest department and the cost shall be borne form the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (v) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings;
- (vi) The forest department shall plant and maintain two times the number of tress felled on the diverted land to maintain the green cover from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency, as per the scheme prepared by the forest department, in the planting site identified for this purpose. Only indigenous forest tree species shall be used for such plantations. Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the Forest Department;
- (vii) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency;
- (viii) Disturbance shall be kept at a minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of the work do not destruct nearby forests flora and fauna;
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval from the Government;
- (x) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.565 ha and The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xi) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sub-leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Government;
- (xii) Any other conditions that the State Government and Forest Department may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation, protection and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (xiii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.

- (xiv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the guidelines issued from time to time.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

- The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to Government, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- The Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- The Additional Director General of Forests, (Central), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional office, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), 1st & 2nd floor, HEPC Building, No.34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)/ Nodal Officer, Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),Telangana State, Aranya Bhawan, Saifabad, Hyderabad.
- The Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Khammam.
(User Agency)
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